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Spring Kittens!

Spring marks the beginning of “kitten season” according to the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility (CVACF).

“We are preparing for the influx,” said Mariya Anton, manager of the CVACF, which provides animal care services for Chula Vista, National City, Lemon Grove and Imperial Beach. Currently, the shelter houses about 30 cats, but Anton says those numbers will drastically change. Kitten season peaks in early summer and Anton expects the CVACF will take in four to fourteen kittens each day. Many arrive without their mother and are so young they need to be bottle fed by staff every two hours.

How can you help? Anton says the best way is to spay or neuter your adult cat. To assist the community, the CVACF is offering cat clinics along with SNAP (Spay Neuter Action Project) where cats can be spayed or neutered for \$10. For more information, call (619) 525-3047 or (866) 772-9287. Looking to adopt? The CVACF is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The facility is closed on Sundays and Mondays.



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Communications/Media Relations 691-5296

Code Enforcement 691-5280

Development Services
Land Development 691-5024
Building 691-5272
Planning 691-5101
Small Business Services 691-5248
Economic Development 409-5870
Redevelopment & Housing 691-5047
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Finance
Main Line 691-5250
Purchasing 691-5141
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Fire
Emergency 911
Main Line 691-5055
Prevention Division 691-5029
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Human Resources
Main Line 691-5096
Job Hotline 691-5095
Volunteering 691-5000

Library
Civic Center Branch 691-5069
South Branch 585-5755
EastLake Branch 397-3980
Volunteering 691-5000
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Mayor & City Council 691-5044

Nature Center 409-5900
Nature Center Online [CLICK HERE](#)

Police
Emergency 911
Report Crime/Dispatch 691-5151
Report Crime Online [CLICK HERE](#)

Public Works
Conservation Division 409-3893
CLEAN Business Program 691-5122
CLEAN Program Online [CLICK HERE](#)
Environmental Services 691-5122
Engineering 691-5021
Graffiti Hotline 691-5198
Graffiti IN PROGRESS 911
Household Hazard. Waste 691-5122
Park Reservations Online [CLICK HERE](#)
Storm Water Hotline 397-6000
Recycling/Solid Waste 691-5122
Service Requests 397-6000
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Recreation
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CV Woman’s Club 691-5083
Heritage Center 421-7032
Loma Verde Center 691-5082
Loma Verde Pool 691-5081
Monteville Center 691-5269
Norman Park Center 691-5086
Otay Center 476-5325
Parkway Center 691-5083
Parkway Pool 691-5088
Parkway Gym 691-5084
Salt Creek Center 585-5739
Veterans Center 691-5260

National Bike to Work Day



Chula Vista residents are encouraged to participate in Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 20. Refuel at an event pit stop from 6-9 a.m. with free snacks, beverages, and to pick up a Bike to Work Day t-shirt. For the latest list of pit stops and to register for a free t-shirt, visit iCommuteSD.com.

Bicycling promotes active lifestyles, reduces traffic, improves air quality, and combats high gas prices.

Chula Vista has over 113 miles of dedicated bike paths, lanes, and routes connecting neighborhoods, shopping centers, and schools. The Bikeway Master Plan has recently been revised to include an additional proposed 51 miles.

To learn more about local bicycling resources, check out the new Bike Chula Vista map and guide at www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/BikeChulaVista. A pocket-sized version is also available at local bike stores, or the City’s booths at the farmers markets (Otay Ranch Town Center on Tuesdays or Third Avenue Village on Thursdays).

Special thanks to our sponsors for the Bike Chula Vista map and guide: National Association of Realtors, Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors, the Corky McMillin Companies, and Ocean Bikes.

Library Goes LEAN

At the invitation of Goodrich Aerostructures last month, forty-nine City of Chula Vista managers and supervisors attended one week of intense LEAN training. The LEAN Continuous Improvement Foundation program aims at recognizing opportunities and developing solutions to becoming more effective and efficient in the work place.

With the City losing a quarter of its work force, City employees must work smarter to deliver services to the public. How have City employees incorporated the LEAN principals? Here’s one perspective from Stephanie Loney, Principal Librarian:

Librarian careers are all about storing and retrieving items. However, librarians also tend to be hoarders.

When LEAN trainers discussed the steps of “5S”, library staff shifted nervously. “5S” stands for Sort-Straighten-Shine-Standardize and Sustain. The extent to which the five steps can help resolve an issue ranges from level one, “initial effort” of identifying what is needed; to level five, “habit” where measures are quickly taken and a system of improving work methods is developed and maintained.

Armed with a new attitude and lots of confidence, library staff decided to put the first steps of “5S” in place at the South Branch Library. With reduced staffing levels and less programming, piles of abandoned items surrounded staff.

The issue: limited storage. Staff routinely maneuvered around stacks of boxes and unused items. Phase One was a quick consult with Environmental Services. The plan: a dumpster for trash, a dumpster for metal items and an electronic waste pick up. Branch Manager Joy Whatley helped her staff understand hoarding was no longer an option and library operations, such as re-shelving, could not be streamlined when staff had to work around unused items or hunt for items they did need.

The result? Waste and metal items from the South Branch Library have been removed. E-waste is next. The goal is to re-position remaining items in their correct location, preferably at “point of use.” Labeling and visual displays will help maintain a sense of order. Currently, it’s a work in progress, and library staff will re-visit and fine-tune this project until they reach the “5S” Nirvana.

Upcoming Events

Cinco de Mayo Festival

Gather family, friends and neighbors and go to the 14th annual festival on **Sunday, May 8, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** The celebration takes place on Third Avenue between E and G Streets in downtown Chula Vista and features live entertainment on four stages, food, arts, crafts, and a kids’ fun zone. For more information, call (619) 422-1982.

Where the Wild Things Are Food & Wine Classic

Don’t miss this feast at the Chula Vista Nature Center **Saturday, May 14 at 4 p.m.** The event will include live cooking demonstrations from celebrity chefs, Joe Busalacchi (Busalacchi family restaurants/Via Lago Trattoria), Michael McDonald (Top of the Market), Jeff Rossman (Terra American Bistro) and Deborah Scott (Indigo Grill/Island Prime); samples from top local restaurants, wineries and breweries; up-close animal encounters; live and silent auctions and live entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Nature Center’s new Outdoor Living Classroom and Discovery Park. Must be 21 to attend. Visit chulavistanaturecenter.org for more information or tickets.

Chula Vista Community Fun Run

Get ready, get set ...go to the Chula Vista Community Fun Run on **Saturday, May 21!** Runners, and walkers are invited to attend the third annual event held at the scenic U.S. Olympic Training Center. This 5k event is a family-friendly course that winds through the Olympic Village beginning at **8 a.m.** Meet Olympians, check out the community expo and raise money for important local non-profit organizations. Register today at www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/funrun.



Bon Appetit!

Enjoy a casual evening with wine, hors d’oeuvres and music while supporting the Chula Vista Public Library **Saturday, May 21 from 5-9 p.m.** at the Salt Creek Recreation Center, 2710 Otay Lakes Road. Nineteen area restaurants and food vendors, excellent vintners, popular DJ John Henry, a silent auction and an art show will entertain guests. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased at the three libraries or online at www.cvplfoundation.org.